बेनीपुर, दरभंगा (बिहार) में टी०वी० टावर की स्थापना

30. **श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार बेनीपुर, दरभंगा (बिहार) में टी०वी० केन्द्र अथवा टी०वी० टावर स्थापित करने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री पी० एम० सईद): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) धनराशि की कमी।

Presentation of Programmes in AIR and Doordarshan

31. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that news reading and presentation of programmes in All India Radio and Doordarshan are altogether different streams;

(b) if so, the reasons for forcing presenters to read hourly news headlines in All India Radio, FM when there exists a battery of regular and casual Newsreaders in both Hindi and English; and

(c) if not, the reasons for booking casual Newsreaders for reading news headlines in Doordarshan when announcers on duty can be asked to do so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news updates, which conform to the general presentation style adopted for this channel, are being willingly read by the presenters/announcers.

(c) News reading on a visual medium such as Doordarshan is a specialised job which can be performed only by those persons who have been selected for it in the prescribed manner.

Fall in Rupee Value against Dollar

32. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the precentage of fall in the rupee value against dollar at the end of December, 1995 and since the beginning of 1996;

(b) the causes for the continuous depreciation in the rupee value against US dollar;

(c) the overall effect on the foreign debt repayment as a consequence thereof;

(d) the measures taken by Government to check the country's weakening economy; and

(e) what are the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) The exchange rate of the rupee vis-a-vis the US dollar depreciated by 10.5 per cent at the end of December, 1995 compared with the rate at end March, 1995. The rupee-dollar rate on 23.2.96 shows a depreciation of the rupee of 3.8 per cent since the beginning of 1996.

(b) The exchange rate of the rupee is market determined. The depreciation of the rupee, in nominal terms, in recent months largely reflects a market correction for the real appreciation of the rupee, which had occurred since 1993-94 due to the inflation differential between India and the major trading partner coun-